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August 11, 2003

Letter of Appeal  
FCC, Office of the Secretary  
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RE: CC Docket No. 02-6

**This is a letter of appeal for the Funding Year 2003/2004 Form 471 Certification Postmarked Outside of Window letter dated March 20, 2003 and USAC Administrator's Decision on Appeal dated July 16, 2003.**

Applicant Name: Omega Alpha Academy  
Form 471 Application Number: 379483  
Funding Request Number(s): 1042677, 1042718, 1042769, 1042796, 1042841  
Billed Entity Number: 221721  
Applicant Form Identifier: N/A (as stated on SLD letter dated March 20, 2003)

The USAC Schools & Libraries Division letter states, "Your form 471 Certification was postmarked on 02/07/2003, which is AFTER the 2003-2004 filing window closed at 11:59 EST on February 6, 2003."

According to our documentation, the Form 471 Certification (US Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt) was postmarked on 06 Feb 03. Attached to my initial letter of appeal, I provided a copy of U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt date stamped "Feb 6 2003". Also, attached was a copy of PS Form 3811 that reflects signed receipt by SLD Mail Agent.

USAC states that a memo/statement from the manager of the Contract Postal Station #774 is not enough to overcome the fact that SLD cannot verify that the document was not delivered to the post office on 2/7/2003 as indicated by the postmark on the envelope. USAC further states that the copy of the USPS Certified Mail Receipt postmark stamp was not clear.

I am now providing FCC the original USPS Certified Mail Receipt. This receipt is not a reproduced copy and I believe it clearly shows in red, the date stamp to be February 6, 2003. I firmly believe that we should not be penalized or denied in full our funding request based on the stamp date marked on the envelope. We should not be penalized for a delay caused by postal workers as our certified mail receipt clearly identifies the date stamp as February 6, 2003.

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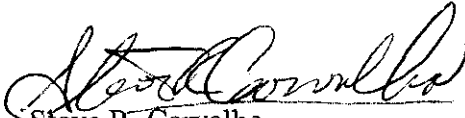
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve R. Carvalho". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Steve R. Carvalho

Omega Alpha Academy

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